

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Abelardo Silva *et al.* **CONF. NO.:** 3064
SERIAL NO.: 10/550,715 **GROUP NO.:** 1654
FILING DATE: August 16, 2006 **EXAMINER:** Roy R. Teller
TITLE: *LONG ACTING BIOLOGICALLY ACTIVE CONJUGATES*

RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION OF JULY 21, 2009

**Mail Stop: Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
Randolph Building
401 Dulany Street
Alexandria, VA 22314**

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed July 21, 2009, in the above-captioned application. A response is due January 21, 2010, by virtue of the attached petition for extension of time and payment of the requisite fees. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge all fees due for filing this response to Deposit Account No. 50-2283.

In the event that extension of time are to maintain the pendency of this application at any time during its prosecution, including extension of time beyond those requested in the papers accompanying any response, then such extensions of time are herein petitioned. **This paragraph is intended to be a CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).**

Although Applicants believe the fees submitted with this response are correct, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees that may be deemed necessary to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-2283.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 8.